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On all Thy works I look;
But still Thy wisdom, power and grace
Shine brightest in Thy Book.

Here are my choicest treasures hid,
Here my best comfort lies;
Here my desires are satisfied,
And here my hopes arise.

Then let me love my Bible more,
And take a fresh delight,
By day to read these wonders o'er,
And meditate by night.

—ISAAC WATTS

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PHILIP MANETZ—PRAISE THE LORD!

Philip Manetz is "on furlough," but does not know the meaning of the word. Read of his journeying hither and yon in search of unsaved souls; many are hearing his messages and some find eternal life through his testimony. He was in Trenton Prison Easter Sunday. I hope he gets back into Sing Sing again, but what a different story he will tell the men this time. It was there that Philip found his Lord, and what a faithful witness he has been ever since. I wish you would send for a copy of his life story—or, better yet, let him come and tell it to you. We will see that your invitation reaches him if it is addressed to Room 436, 156 Fifth Avenue., New York, N. Y. Now please read his letter on page 4.

OUR SEARCH FOR LOST MISSIONARIES IS ENDED

Our former Missionary in Poland, Fred Stettler, has already reported that he has heard from George Nazaruk and Konstanty Jarosuk, and now under date of February 12, we have the following postal card from John Gordiuk, after months of silence:

Mlynow, West Ukraine, S.S.S.R.

Dear and Beloved Friends in the Lord:

At first possibility I wish to inform you that we all (my family and myself) are safe, and all believers also. The Lord kept us in the time of War from any harm and He continues to keep us safely. On the day of November 2, 1939, a son was born to us and we gave him the name of Gideon. We are all well and send you our heart's greetings. Some time later I wish to write you more. Remember us in prayer. Yours sincerely,

J. GORDIUK.

The American Express Company has already promised safe delivery of your gifts. Thus we can minister to some of the needs of our three missionaries and their families, as has been done for Christians in Russia and Siberia, where the American Express Company has maintained its agents for some years past.

THIS IS AN APPEAL FOR YOUR PRAYERS

We have another question mark needing your prayers. After long months of testimony to the Jews in Czechoslovakia and then in Hungary, the hour seems near when Rudolph Miller will be ordered to leave the country as Mr. and Mrs. John Kovalchuk and Philip Manetz were. That would not be so terrible, but word has just come that Mrs. Miller has been placed in a hospital for observation—**perhaps for an operation.** It cannot be that anything will happen to separate these two, either illness or government orders. So if you are one of the A.E.F. Prayer Warriors, this real emergency calls for your services. We have seen all our other dear co-workers cared for—sometimes in spite of our own ideas in the matter; but let us ask God to care for these two dear faithful servants in a strange land. No one is more calmly and quietly trusting the Lord than Mr. and Mrs. Miller, Let us join them in believing prayer. Should there be a need for added funds just now, I am sure the Lord will show it to you as you pray.

ARMAGEDDON OR WORLD MISSIONS?

Many have thought and said that the Lord would return soon for His own, and prophesies have been interpreted to indicate that event as preceding the Armageddon. With interest we try to locate the spot on our own maps and then read of troop movements in the Near East. Of more interest should be the Mission fields of the world, where the peoples are yet in spiritual darkness. How can the call to the Church be sounded until these have heard the Gospel? The world needs Christ and the Missionaries press on. They will need our prayers until the very end. If their work is ended in one country, you will find them in another, still preaching the Gospel.

WAR AND HATRED OR MISSIONS AND BROTHERLY LOVE?

When the revolution came in Russia, in the years following the World War, many of the intelligentsia of Russia fled to other lands. Soon a group of well-known Christians in New York began an effort to supply food to these needy refugees. Out of that early labor came the beginnings of a Missionary Society which has had the privilege of sending nearly forty workers to the various countries of Europe. Some of these have preached the Gospel to both natives and refugees in Poland for nearly twenty years. Now another war has changed important boundaries, displaced our workers, and has even brought some of them under the rule of a State which makes atheism a requisite to membership in the government party. This will eventually mean the taking over of the Cathedrals, Churches and Synagogues in Poland for every use except the worship of God. Terrible? Yes, but in 1925, I saw the Poles destroy a $3,000,000 Russian Cathedral in the center of the capital city, Warsaw, and only recently I have read of their destruction of many, many Jewish Synagogues. As for the great Russian Cathedral, in Warsaw, it was built by force on a foundation which engendered hatred and not love. Some day it will be discovered that the Missionaries endeavored to spread, not hatred, but love, the love of God, through Poland. History has recorded the passing of many kingdoms built on force. Not one of their rulers from the Roman Caesars to the Georgian Stalin has been able to stop the work of the Holy Spirit nor to prevent men, women and children from finding their Saviour. The reason so many of these followers of Jesus Christ have suffered at the hands of temporal rulers is that hatred has dictated the latter—selfishness, greed and desire, rather than love. That kind of rulership cannot be comfortable in the presence of the Love of God, so they deny His very existence, stop His public worship, caricature the Trinity, and expect their subjects to grow up unbelievers. Instead, their very tribulation will bring them to the God the atheists insist does not exist. "Not by power, nor by might, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord."—Zech. 4:6.

THIS IS THE APRIL NUMBER

A number of delays occurring in the first quarter of 1940 have brought us to the necessity of labeling this number of **The European Harvest Field** "No. 3—April, 1940." Probably my long invalidism in the lovely Southland was the chief cause of the rapid flight of time.

NORMAN J. SMITH.

THIS RETURNED MISSIONARY IS BUSY

WORKER FROM CARPATHO-RUSSIAN MOUNTAINS FINDS HUNGRY SOULS IN THE UNITED STATES

Dear Brother Smith:

"Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ." (Eph. 1:3.)

Since I have been back from the European harvest field I have had an unusual opportunity to visit quite a few Russian Christian congregations. Right here in New York there are hundreds of thousands of Russians, Poles, Ukrainians and Slavanic nationalities. These various nationalities practically understand each other. So by God's grace, I use this advantage and preach the gospel of Christ in their own language.

The Lord blessed the testimony of His own precious Word, and some souls were saved right here in New York. Then I visited the Russian-Ukrainian churches in Manville, Freehold and South River, N. J. There, too, the Lord blessed the ministry of the Word. One young woman, a high school student, professed her faith in Christ as her personal Saviour. Then a young backslider also returned back to the fold. The Saints were edified and strengthened in faith. Praise God. Please pray especially for this young woman that she may grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and that the young backslider may be kept true to Christ.

In the end of the month of February, I visited in Scranton, Pa., the Russian-Ukrainian Church. I confess I never met before such an indifferent, hardened congregation. A young Russian pastor, Rev. John Sylvester, is ministering the Word of God there. He is a very faithful man of God, and there is quite a bit of improvement since he came there. I also spoke four times in American churches.

Then I spent a week in Frackville, Pa., about 60 miles north from Scranton. Here is a practically new work. The young converts are very enthusiastic and full of zeal and love for lost sinners. Rev. N. A. Shelpuk, is pastor of the New Baptist Ukrainian and Polish Church. The Lord blessed the gospel meetings here, too, and one very intelligent Polish lady had definitely accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as her personal Saviour. Praise God. Pray for this dear lady that she may be kept true to Christ and His Word. Pray God's blessing upon the seed of God's Word that it might bring forth fruit.

Then I had an unusual privilege to witness of God's redeeming love in Trenton Prison on Easter Sunday, March 24th. As for me it was indeed the glorious opportunity. For the Lord Jesus Christ by His great mercy had saved me in Sing Sing Prison about twenty years ago. So I knew just what kind of congregation I had to face. God put the seal of His blessing on it all from the very beginning of the day.

Mr. Chase, a very dear Christian brother from Elizabeth, N. J.; invited me to go with him to the prison. As we left Elizabeth, N. J. by auto on the way to Trenton we picked up a young soldier about nineteen, who was going to visit his sister in Trenton hospital. The first name of the soldier was David. He said he was a Methodist and his mother was a teacher in the Sunday School. But in the light of the Scripture David finally acknowledged that he was not born again. John 3:3-5. And before he got off he willingly accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. Praise God. Please pray for this dear young soldier that he may be kept faithful. Pray for his sister also that she, too, may be saved and if it please the Lord she may be restored to normal health and strength.

In the city of Trenton in 1919 when the American Army came back from France I and another soldier were arrested on Saturday P.M. from violation of probation law. And we were kept locked up until Monday noon. What a difference! Once in this city I was a victim of sin and the servant of Satan, but now a sinner saved by grace and servant of Christ. Glory to God forever.

In prison I spoke from Isa. 55:7. "Let the wicked forsake his way"—quoted. And Acts 26:18. quotation. Then I gave my personal testimony. God blessed the testimony and one negro accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. After the meeting was over the young man, about 26, came to me with a smile on his face and said: "The Judge made a great mistake when he pronounced the life sentence in prison, but Christ forgave my sins and gave me eternal life in heaven." Praise God. Then, before we started back home we asked the Lord to send some one to whom we could tell about the Love of God. Just as we left Trenton a young man about eighteen stood on the corner and signalled for a ride. Praise God! just what we expected. So the young man got in—off to New York. Then, of course, we found out his name is Mike and his parents came from Poland. His faith was Greek

Catholic. And Mike had confessed his sins to a Priest and paid money in order to receive forgiveness of sins. By God's help we showed Mike from the Scripture that God will forgive all his sins and justify him freely without money and without price. Rom. 3:23-26; I John 1:9; 5:13.

Praise God. Before Mike left the car he willingly accepted Christ as his personal Saviour. Pray that these young men may indeed live in the power of resurrected life of Christ. So the blessed Easter was indeed the fruitful and victorious day.

At present I am praying for God's definite guidance as to my future work. I was compelled to leave my wife and child behind in Carpathian Russia, at present under Hungary, right near to the Roumanian border. Please pray that God may provide the means and in His own way and time reunite us again. His will be done. Sincerely in Christ,

PHILIP MANETZ.

For some years past Rev. Philip Manetz has been serving under the *American - European Fellowship* as a Missionary to the people of Carpatho-Russia. His early years in this field were spent in that portion of Poland which has so recently fallen under control of the Russian Dictator.

Having been ordered to leave Poland (in time to escape the Russian invasion), Mr. Manetz went south across the border into Eastern Czechoslovakia, again preaching to the Carpatho-Russians.

With the recent relocation of European boundaries, he found himself in Hungary without so much as changing his residence. By an order from the Hungarian Government, after nine years of faithful service, Mr. Manetz—and others of our faithful Missionaries—was compelled to seek a new field or return home.

Mr. Manetz arrived in New York on Christmas Eve. Naturally his long service in the above named countries has given him many interesting things to talk about. He will be available for meetings by appointment until the way opens for him to return to Missionary service in Europe, or until he receives a call to the very needy Russian Mission field in South America, where his close friend and coworker, Rev. John Kovalchuk will soon (D.V.) begin his new ministry.

Mr. Manetz is a graduate of Moody Bible Institute, Chicago, and has a fine personal testimony, in addition to his story of Missionary labor in three countries of Europe. He has served continuously under the *American-European Fellowship* since going to the Mission fields of Europe.

JOYFUL WITNESSES

Eldon House, Croydon, Eng.

Dear Friend:

In these trying days all God's people need a word of joyful testimony in the midst of their present circumstances. Numerous letters have stimulated us to plod on in the midst of very severe testings of faith in our labour of love for the perishing multitudes.

Someone has said — "The awful calamity to Poland has been 'a black-out from Hell.'" Yes, it has been too terrible to describe, but "the Lord reigneth," and "His arm is not shortened." Neither is His ear too heavy to listen to our pleadings on behalf of the unfortunate victims of Jew-hate and Godless blasphemy. Many have prayed, and their petitions will not have been in vain in our Redeemer's Name.

Take courage, dear friend. Let not your hands be slack! Witness to those around you that you have a joyous Saviour Who says—"Fulfil ye My Joy." "Your joy no man taketh from you." Make up your mind that you will be a joyful witness for Him, Whose Love can shine through you when many are in danger of a Spiritual "Black-out" in their souls. Joybells ringing in your heart will awaken the sinner who is slumbering in his sins. Joy is something contagious. It is easily caught by the discouraged and fearful soul. Our adversary spreads fear and pessimism. Joy is a very blessed gift of God, and it is given to us in that beautiful cluster of "the fruit of the Spirit" as He indwells our hearts and controls our lives. There is an even greater gift, and that is "Love." To know we are precious to Him Who redeemed us, should bring rest and peace to our hearts.

What a Day of Rejoicing that will be when we stand with Him around the Throne in Glory! Shall we wish we had won one more soul? Shall we regret any self-denial to send out the Gospel to the lost? No! a thousand times No! The music of the Glory-land, and the Song of the Lamb sung by the multitude no man can number, will overwhelm us with gratitude. We shall praise Him for the Grace that brought us through ten thousand troubles. O what joy to be with Him Who redeemed us; to hear His "Well done," and to see our loved ones who have gone before.

Pray on, beloved warrior. "Fight the good fight" with the Joy that is yours through His triumphant Victory at Calvary's Cross.

Yours in His Joyful Service,

F. & M. SPENCER JOHNSON

"HERE AM I! SEND ME!"

BROTHER McGAW HEARS AGAIN THE OLD, OLD MISSIONARY APPEAL FOR AFRICA

Nairobi, East Africa

I called at Mr. G's hoping to see the son whom I had met on the street. When I got to the house I found nobody at home but the daughter Estelle, nineteen. I talked with her, I believe, a full hour and had prayer with her. She is a bright, intelligent young woman. I asked her if she had a job. The company she was employed with recently went out of business but she got work (she is a stenographer and typist). Just about the time she was to go to work she was in an auto accident and had her arm broken.

I asked her if she prayed. She said she did. Would she pray to the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to reveal to her if Jesus Christ is the Messiah of the Jews? She said she would.

Sunday at our 2:30 meeting for prayer there was a bright young man from over in the Belgian Congo, working among the pygmies—(This, however, is not Jewish).

He said a Miss Robinson was walking along the streets in Liverpool and saw in a store window this query: "Who will care for the souls of the Pygmies of Africa?" The Holy Spirit evidently fastened it on her heart. She could not get away from it. But she was 59 years old—what could she do? But she remembered that "The winds and the waves obey His will" and she said: "I will obey my Lord and go to these needy souls in Africa.

She applied to two Boards but, of course, they turned her down. She was told that the Belgian Government officials would not allow her to enter the country as a Missionary unless she was connected with some Missionary Society.

But she went and did several years' service. This young man with us on Sunday said that the heroic example of Miss Robinson so impressed him and his special friend that they had gone to her help.

Mr. K., this young man, showed me a snap-shot of one of the natives, one of the larger of the men standing beside him. Mr. K. is short—just about to my shoulder and I figure that this Pygmy man was only about 5 feet tall. He came only to Mr. K's shoulder.

Mr. K. said that one of the officials of the country told him that they didn't count these people as anything more than so many animals! A certain man who is very prominent in Germany these days says the Africans are "half Apes."

The Ethiopian to whom Phillip preached the Gospel was an African, the man from Cyrene who bore the Cross after Jesus was an African, Sammy Morris that we know about in America was an African. Jesus loves them with the same love that He had—He *has* for me! It seems to me as I look out over the white harvest fields of Africa I can hear Him saying: "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Is. 6:8.

Will He Hear some of our splendid young people of America, say (like Miss R. of Liverpool(59) or an old man at Akron—the writer himself—up in his 80's) "Here am I, send me!"

Since I came to Africa I have met some fine young people who have devoted their lives to mission work in this needy field of Africa..

Ruth Brown: (she is not Jewish either). In 1936 a group of us from Akron drove to Chicago on the occasion of "Decoration Day."

One evening I spoke at Rev. Benj. Brown's Mission on North Clark Street, Chicago. I told them of my expectation of going to Poland (I went that August). At the close of the meeting one of Rev. Brown's daughters (he has many) stepped up to me and said: "I'm Ruth." She told me that she expected to go to Africa. One evening last month at a meeting on Goverment Road a young man and young woman came up to me and she said: "I'm Ruth Brown—or was, now I am Mrs. Quihoff." Can you imagine how I was thrilled! Four years ago in Chicago she told me of her hope to go to Africa. Here I was in Africa to welcome her! She told me of my sending her a copy of "Praying Hyde," and how she enjoyed it. They are splendid young people going over into the Belgian Congo—bright and happy in the anticipation! I could almost wish I was about 30!

Well, you dear "stay at homers," can do your part. He will show you!

Yours in love with the Black Folks,

FRANK A. McGAW

TRUE PEACE

Faint not, believe the Lord is nigh,
Look up to Him, He hears your cry.
He knows your pain, your heart-ache too,
He longs to help and comfort you.
Then cast on Him your every care;
Rest in His Strength, be much in prayer,
Faith in His Love, whate'er transpires,
Brings rest and peace, and joy inspires.

M.S.J.

THEY STILL VENERATE THE SAINTS

THIS MISSIONARY WRITES OF RELIGIOUS PARADES AND "CHURCH GOING"

Tallinn, Estonia, Nov. 25

I thank you heartily for the missionary material help you are sending me through brother A. M. Sarapik, for by your support you make it possible to work on the field of God in the evangelization of the Russian people in Estonia.

I inform you of the condition of the work of the Russian spiritual field in Estonia. In our country are living about one hundred thousand Russian people, chiefly in the frontier district of Russia. As to their confession of faith, they are divided into orthodox and sectarians.

Working on the evangelization field in Estonia since 1909, I must say that the spiritual soil is here very stony. The people are very much attached to church customs and holy representations and objects, which can be seen from the picture herewith, representing a so-called "church-going," a procession of people led by priests with a choir of singers. A huge mass of people is carrying a stretcher on their shoulders where are representations of saints venerated by the Russian people.

"Church Going," led by Priests and a Choir of Singers

The people consider the participation in such a parade with holy objects as a special luck, for showing veneration to the representations of the saints is said to merit their kindness, and together with this their intercession with God. Such a conception of the Russian people led long ago to wanderings on foot to distant monasteries in order to venerate the "saints." The longer such a way, the more are the merits before God of that one who has made such a journey. In old time and still in Russia of the tsars especially godfearing people made long journeys on foot for some thousand versts, e.g., on the mount of Athos in southern Greece. In general it must be said that such large parades are very popular among the Russian people and that they are undertaken on different occasions.

It is quite clear that evangelization work meets with great difficulties on the part of the Russian people educated in the above described spiritual atmosphere. It is very difficult to convince one of salvation completed by Christ on Golgatha when he is deeply convinced that salvation is obtained by his own merits by established prayers and by intercession of the saints.

However, notwithstanding the dense spiritual obscurity of the Russian people, the Lord is doing His great work of enlightenment, so that there are at present already over one hundred faithful according to the Gospel among them. From time to time I visit the villages where live those newly converted to the Christ, preaching the Gospel to strengthen their spiritual life and to invite new members.

Looking back on forty years of work done on the field of Evangelical Christians, I heartily thank the Lord for His blessing of this work, in which many have found pardon of their sins and consolation of soul. I wish with all my heart to continue this work in the future, while the Lord is keeping me on the earth.

Your missionary in Estonia,
N. P. MOSHERENOK

JEWISH RACE EAGER TO READ THE GOSPEL

MISS HALEY WRITES INTERESTINGLY OF LIFE AT THE JAFFA MEDICAL MISSION AND FREE CLINIC

Tel-Aviv, Palestine, Feb. 5

Your letter of December 13 reached me on February 2. This letter should reach you soon as I saw an American Export boat on the sea as I went for a walk along the shore with four young Jewish girls. The lady doctor who was my friend on the boat has invited me to visit her.

Thank you for the suggestion of my noting interesting things. This is one that happened this week. A woman had been coming to the clinic for a week. Her brother is a Moody graduate and I wanted to give her a gospel. I prayed for an opportunity to place the Word of God in her hands, when an old beggar who is slightly unbalanced mentally came in and asked for a gospel in Hebrew. The woman helped me to get a gospel for the man, and then she took a gospel of St. John for herself. Many times during the day the patients ask for New Testaments. Sometimes they ask for the Bible in Hebrew.

We see many of the patients in the Hall Peniel. It seems that the Jewish race is eager to read the gospel more than ever before.

We shall continue to pray for Mr. and Mrs. Schellenberg. I should think their great problem is solved when they have their entry permit. When you come here this summer I'll be able to explain the situation here to you.

Gen. 18:14 "Is anything too hard for the Lord?" is the verse that came to me as I read your appeal for a hospital in Jaffa. "Faith, mighty faith the promise sees and looks to God alone, laughs at impossibilities and cries, "It shall be done."

However, after you come here, you will be able to work on this plan of a hospital. I know several nurses in America who would be glad to come here if the Lord opens the door.

The Hebrew language is really a joy. Last evening as I came home from church some children asked me for tracts. We carried on a conversation in Hebrew and they could understand me. A new world opens up to me with every new word.

Workers are needed here and also in Egypt. Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Carl Faulkner could find enough to do here, and I'm sure they would be happy in their work. The *American - European Fellowship* workers both at home and abroad find a place in my praying.

The power of prayer is felt in my life here. Thank you for remembering me. I do praise the Lord for every one of my prayer warriors. The Lord knew I needed each one; therefore He gave them to me. He goes before.

I went to Jerusalem last week to register with the American Consul. You will know all about our trip to Jerusalem and Bethlehem at Christmas time from my previous letters. I have been to Haifa with two Moody Bible Institute graduates. We went to the top of Mt. Carmel, where we got a good view of Haifa, Lebanan Mts., Mt. Hermon and the Mediterranean Sea. Sincerely yours,

JANE T. HALEY

BAPTISM IN THE MEDITERRANEAN

Jaffa—Tel Aviv, Feb. 12

Dear Brother Smith:

Thank you heartily for your kind letter of Dec. 14th and for the remittances, so that we were able to cover the expenses for rent (£15), water, electricity, drugs, supplies, etc.

The work goes along steadily and well, and we pray that God may give the increase for the seed sown on His field of souls.

In my last letter I wrote to you that our young Jewish brother, Josef, the "fruit" through the Lord of Mr. Gitlin and Mr. Ostrowski, was going to be baptized. In the beginning of January (when you in America have, I think, severe cold) one Saturday early in the morning he was baptized in the warm waters of the Mediterranean. And soon after this baptism we had a prayerful Breaking of Bread in which our new young Assembly member had fellowship with all of us. Miss Haley was also present. Needless to say, that soon a series of temptations will face our young Jewish brother.

There are also others attending our meetings who are near to Christ, and we pray that the Lord may give them courage to decide definitely for Christ and boldly and openly confess their faith.

So with great joy I am writing to you that the work in the Hall Peniel is going on and the meetings are very well attended.

Now as Mr. G. Knowles has returned from Syria, he is able more often to help us in the work here, his constant residence being in Jerusalem. But you know, Jaffa is so near to Jerusalem. Besides this, Prof. Marcinkowski is plan-

ning to come here in April, so the need of workers will not be in any way acute. We anxiously wait for Prof. Marcinkowski's coming here. This dear brother is generally loved by all who know him and come in touch with him.

For the work in the clinic, I believe Miss Haley is reporting to you periodically. Miss Hudda and Mr. Dosik are doing their best in sowing the Lord's seed among the patients and many of them are attending at the same time the meeting in the Hall Peniel. Praise the Lord for all. Yours in His name,

JAMES EWKE

MISS HALEY'S SECOND MESSAGE

Tel Aviv, Palestine, Feb. 17
(Received March 28)

Dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you for your kind encouraging letter which was written on New Year's day. Three of your letters have reached me. I shall endeavor to give you interesting material for the "Harvest Field." The letter about my stay was nicely done by the editor. It should please my friends in America, and also those American Missionaries in Alexandria.

Your speaking of a hospital sounds very good. I am glad to know you are working so hard for medical missions. A chorus comes to me every time I think of a hospital here with a Christian staff.

"Faith mighty faith the promise sees
And looks to God alone
Laughs at impossibilities
And cries "It shall be done."

After you come here you will have a better understanding of conditions. I am writing things down so you will have more material to work with after you come here. I have registered in Pennsylvania and Michigan so it is proper to write R. N. after my name.

I shall be glad to get in touch with the Jewess who is a friend of Mr. and Mrs. Lukesh.

Thank you for the prayer bulletin.

My walk last Sunday was like a story so I shall send it on to you. I started to go through the market. A little girl runs up to me with a baby brother in her arms to show me his finger, which was healed. We had treated the babe in the clinic. The sister had on little wooden sandals. A little farther on a Jewish mother, who was selling small bunches of vegetables for soup, asked me if her large boy could come to the clinic on Monday for treatment for a sore on his foot. Spoken in Hebrew and she could understand my Hebrew in answer. In the market they were selling "Americano Appol" "9 milliem an unce." Then I went to visit my friend whose brother and sister-in-law are Moody Bible Institute graduates. In this home the baby had the measles and the mother was ill with rheumatism. The grandmother asked me for help and instruction in caring for her charges. The babe ate some fruit because I told her it was good.

On my return home my heart was so light because I was being allowed to be used for the Lord. And as I was within two blocks from my room, an Arab father came running up to me throwing his arms excitedly and talking in Arabic. I knew he was in trouble but could not understand his words. Just then an Arab policeman came along and he interpreted the story. I told him I would go to see the child.

We started on our way, when a little boy runs along with us to see what the excitement was. The Arab policeman asked me of we could see his wife on Monday as she was very ill. Well, on with the Arab father to see his year-old baby who had fallen twenty feet from a roof to a cement sidewalk on its head. We enter through a wooden gate and up some stone stairs, and into a large room. On the floor were three women sitting. One elderly lady was smoking a water pipe. When the father took me in and told them that I was the nurse, I could see that they were all relieved. The child had a badly swollen face and eye, but otherwise it seemed all right. The mother was very young and as I left her three children were hiding behind her skirt, peaking out at me. They thanked me profusely and wished all of God's blessings on me.

Today is Saturday and early this morning I went for a run to the seashore. I went through an Arab village. Many of our patients live in this village. The women came to the doors and wished me the regular morning salutation which means "happiness" and the Hebrew salutation means "peace" both of them mean from God. Yet these people are so far from God and His righteousness.

Please pray for a Hebrew woman who comes to the clinic and asks for prayer as she says she is demon-possessed. We are praying for her. She came two weeks ago and prayed in Jesus' name with us. She feels somewhat better, but is still greatly troubled.

Two girls who have proven to be friends of mine like my English Bible very much. One went so far as to ask me to give her my Bible. I should appreciate it very much if you could get two Bibles and send them to me.

Sincerely yours,

JANE T. HALEY

PRAYER THE GREATEST WEAPON

MISSIONARY LOOKS FOR A EUROPE EVANGELIZED AS THE ONLY HOPE OF THE FUTURE

Sofia, Bulgaria

My dear Mr. Smith:

Thank you ever so much for the allowance sent by telegram. I received $100, and a little later the allowance of Mr. Angeloff was received. He was not in Sofia, so yesterday we went to the bank where his money is deposited.

Your printing machine (mimeograph) is doing a real missionary work. Our big church in Plovdof asked me to lend them the printing machine for a few months, and I gave it to them. After Christmas I will have it again, and then we, with Mr. Angeloff, will use it. Indeed it is a great help and my desire is that the machine may be of help to all who might need it for spreading the Gospel.

As you know the conditions in Europe are most serious, even tragic. All nations are suffering, no matter if they are in actual war or are neutral. The prices of the very necessary things of life are very rapidly increasing. The spiritual life has fallen under zero days, when a great cloud of anxiety is hanging over all. The war in its destructive flood sweeps hundreds of precious lives over the earth and seas.

Almost all newspapers are telling that a new Europe is going to be born. Europe with new political, economical, social and religious life. Therefore, if it is for me to work for the evangelization of this continent it seems to me that now is the precious moment. Europe needs Christ! Only through Him the real understanding between nations can be established and peace and good-will prevail among all peoples.

Our duty in the present hour is to pray! Prayer is the greatest weapon we possess, and there is no more fruitful labor than true prayer. Let us work and live our Christianity so as to be truly God's children, and worthy of our great calling in Christ Jesus.

The new situation gives a new expression of the Christian work at the present time. We do not have the freedom which we had before the war. For instance, all meetings, no matter of what kind they are, are forbidden by the government. Only the meetings held in our Churches are free. Therefore, our lovely prayer meetings, which we have had from home to home are forbidden. The only work which is successfully going on is personal—calling from house to house, distributing Christian tracts and Gospels. The people are very glad to have us and with all their hearts they listen to our Gospel messages. During these calls we meet all kinds of people, among them some who desire to have their faith strengthened and to gain increased devotion to God. With others it is necessary to open their spiritual eyes that they may see their great need of Christ, and to help them to accept Him as their Saviour. Still others are positive atheists. The work with them is the hardest, but thank God the Spirit works mightily in all hearts and souls are saved. Praise His Name.

The work in the Church

My Sunday school class of Young Women and Girls is growing and their zeal is great in doing Christian work. All the women are greatly enjoying the Sunday school lessons. Some of them have become deeply spiritual and are on fire for saving souls. I am very thankful for the privilege of being a teacher of this fine group of women. From time to time we have men as visitors, and they are greatly enjoying the lessons.

To every Church in Bulgaria, we have attached a Women's Missionary Society. These are organized into a Union of Missionary Societies in Bulgaria. I have the privilege of being Vice-President of this Movement, which works to spread the Gospel and support Bible women throughout the country. The Union is not very strong financially, but still we pay small salaries to some of the Bible women. They are doing a splendid Christian work in the villages and in some places they are taking the place of the Pastor.

Every year we print a Missionary calendar, in which one finds the biographical notes concerning the lives of our best Missionaries, those who worked in Bulgaria some years ago. I am sending you one of these calendars, and I hope that one of your Russian friends will explain and translate it to you.

Last Sunday I had the privilege of speaking from our pulpit in behalf of the Union of our Missionaries Societies. My topic was, "The Need of the World Today and the Responsibility of the Church in the Present Hour." After the meeting not only the Pastor, but almost all who were present thanked me for

the splendid message. May God give a new vision and a new zeal for Missionary service in the world. "Go ye therefore and preach the Gospel to every Creature, and lo I am with you always even unto the end of the world."

The Young People's Work

Every Sunday afternoon a fine group of young women, girls and boys gather in our home. Although we have no permission to hold meetings they come as callers, and we turn our gathering into an informal meeting. We sing with all our hearts, and the prayers which are offered and the Bible messages delivered are rich spiritual food for the young souls. The need of work among the Bulgarian youth is tremendous. I thank the Lord that even in these hard and dangerous days the work among them continues so successfully.

Work with the Children

I have received many invitations outside of Sofia asking me to visit them and have meetings. Two things have prevented me from doing so. First, my husband was taken for several months to serve in the Army. Thus, I was not able to leave home and the baby, because there are many epidemic diseases just now. Second, the traveling expenses are a serious problem. The churches are poor and not able to pay anything.

Wherever I have gone in the past I have paid my own traveling expenses, but it is impossible to continue without special help from other sources. However, an invitation came from a school teacher in a village about 30 kilometers from Sofia. I expected that invitation, and with the sister of the teacher we went 16 kilometers on foot. We were very tired when we reached our destination. but after a small rest I went to the graded school and talked to 250 children, of all grades, and had a blessed personal talk with the teachers. The attention of my little hearers was really wonderful. They all enjoyed my messages to them, and I promised them that the next time I would bring to each one a Bible picture. It was four o'clock in the afternoon when we started back again on foot, and we reached Sofia late in the night. The road which we took was very dark and desolate, but the Lord gave us courage, and I had a wonderful spiritual conversation with the friend with whom I was traveling. This young girl accepted Christ two years ago and is really a new born child of God. We were both very glad that the Lord gave us this privilege to speak to those children about our dear loving Saviour.

Oh, my dear friends, the Bulgarian villages sadly need Christ. The poverty, ignorance, superstition and the spiritual misery of these people is so deep that it demands a great effort toward evangelization. Pray that the Lord may send workers to spread the Gospel throughout the country.

May I thank every one of my true friends in Chicago, Philadelphia, New Brighton and New York—in fact, all the American friends who remember Bulgaria and its needs before the Throne of God, and who by letter, devotional messages, and gifts endeavor to encourage us on the field. Although I do not always find time to thank these dear ones individually for every service of love, yet I do thank God daily for all the friends, know and unkown, who often think of us by sending me letters or messages of cheer.

Sincerely yours,
PAULINA NIKOFF

PRESENT CRISIS AND GOD'S REMEDY

The Gentile nations are on the march. The northern confederacy is in the process of formation. Russia is moving westward and looking towards the south. The Roman empire is extending its influence and expanding in power, and its dictator is working to bring back the pomp and splendor of ancient days. The people of the "rising sun" are pushing westward. Jewish persecution increases and Israel looks longingly toward the Promised Land. The shadows of the Tribulation are creeping over the whole world.

"What of the night?" The night is near, but also the morning—night for the world of sin and sinners, morning for the body and bride of Christ. His coming is as inevitable as tomorrow's dawn! Hallelujah!

The message for the Church is the exhortation to rejoice. "When these things begin to come to pass, then look up, and lift up your heads; for your redemption draweth nigh" (Luke 21:28). The message for the unsaved is, "Be ye also ready: for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh" (Luke 12:40, R.V.).

The only way to be ready is to be reconciled to God through faith's acceptance of Christ as Saviour and His shed blood as the means of our redemption and salvation.

REV. W. H. ROGERS, D.D.
in Moody Monthly

RUDOLPH MILLERS STILL IN HUNGARY

"ALMOST EVERY DAY THERE IS OPPORTUNITY TO WITNESS TO THE LORD'S PEOPLE"

Budapest, Hungary
Margit Rakpart 29
Feb. 26, 1940

Rev. Norman J. Smith,
Beloved brother in our
Lord Jesus Christ:

"The Lord is in His holy temple,
the Lord's throne is in heaven:
His eyes behold, His eyelids try,
the children of men." Ps.11:4

How precious is the truth we find in three words "His eyelids try." Just when we think that the Lord has forgotten us or fallen asleep, and it appears to us that His eyelids are closed and He has forgotten us completely; when we reach the point where we wonder why He does not do something about the situation that confronts us; when we have come to the place where we want to cast aside the words in Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God" and take the situation in our own hands and do something about it, what joy comes to our hearts when the Holp Spirit reveals through the Written Word in these three simple words that it was merely the way the Lord has been trying us. It is just as though the Lord was "Pretending" He was asleep, "Pretending" that He had forgotten us, "Pretending" that He does not know, just to see what we would do, just to try us! Yet all the time He was with us every step of the way. We just praise Him for teaching us to leave everything to Him, knowing that He will take glory to Himself out of every scheme that the enemy brings to frustrate His will and His work.

And also we are thankful that at the time when it appeared that He was asleep we continued on with the work that He has given us, when it was so easy to tell ourselves that He does not see us and that we could rest ourselves. In this, too, it seems "His eyelids" were trying us.

Since writing last time more American missionaries have been ordered out. Miss Mary Selody, who has been conducting an orphanage and has been working in cooperation with brother Kovalchuk and brother Manetz, has been ordered out, likewise brother Ryberchuk has been told to leave. Hopes of establishing a definite work for us at present seems to be out of the question, or looking forward to some such work even in the future. The situation looks so hopeless that we wonder why the Lord keeps us here, yet He continues supplying all our needs and has provided a warm room for us when for many weeks thousands of the people in the city have been unable to get coal or wood with the thermometer usually around the ten degree mark. Most every day He gives us opportunity to witness to some Jews as we visit the shops or in the restaurants and occasionally we have the opportunity of speaking to the Lord's people that they might love Him more and have a desire to testify to His own chosen people.

Mrs. Kertes, whom we wrote about previously, has had the joy and privilege of going to Slovakia and there to witness to her mother, her sister and to many friends. The Lord provided for her trip and enabled her to remain there three weeks. The Lord used her very much, giving her opportunities on the train going there. Her sister, whom she thought to be very hostile, was quite receptive to the Word of God, likewise her brother-in-law and their two little children listened eagerly to the Word of God. Many friends were dealt with until late into the night at various times with the open Bible. Many gospels were distributed, and also a number of Bibles were distributed. Several people ordered Bibles which were sent to them in the mail. These people were most happy to receive Bibles as there were none to be had, only the Catholic Bible which are more than ten times as dear as those we sent. Once again we can see that we have a living God and those who are truly born-again are new creatures in Christ Jesus. It was a grand testimony to her friends as they noticed what a change has come over Mrs. Kertes since they had seen her last and even remarked that it was the first time they had known her to actually want to be in the town. In all previous occasions she just hated the place and everything about it and now she was really enjoying being there and witnessing to old acquaintances.

On numerous occasions her mother accompanied her and of course, got the gospel in every place where her daughter was witnessing. Her brother brought a friend to the house who was believed to be a child of God and was saved, but it was not long before this friend was denying the inspiration of the Bible, denying the deity of the Lord Jesus Christ, denying the deity of the Holy Spirit, denying the Lord Jesus Christ was born of a virgin, denying that He died for her sins, denying that He was buried and that He rose again the third

day, denying that He ascended and is now seated at the right hand of God the Father, and denying His personal and imminent return, and what was supposed to be a group of believers turned out to be a group of the children of the devil.

One of the friends brought a learned orthodox Jew who was supposed to have known the old Testament better than anyone in the town. The group of friends were curious to know what would happen to Mrs. Kertes when she met this man who was a learned Talmudist. In brief, you can realize what took place when one used the Word of God and the other answered in man's wisdom! The group were soon giggling at the futility of man's speculations as it was hammered down by God's revelation. In the two towns there were about thirty-five thousand people and not one born-again person could be found! This may startle you, but there is a town about one hundred miles from Munkacs with a population of one hundred thousand and there were but two believers. When I say two believers I am not speaking of Jewish believers, but I am speaking of born-again Christians whether Jew or Gentile. The same regarding the two towns of thirty-five thousand people visited by Mrs. Kertes!!! Need I say that God's people ought to go to the "board" (the board under your carpet) about this situation? With practically all foreign missionaries out of these regions, the work can only be carried on through the testimony of the native believers. May we take upon ourselves to pray for the native believers here in these parts as though they were our own missionaries from home.

Many friends have asked Mrs. Kertes to come back, but at present we are praying regarding her making a trip to another city in the southeast of Hungary where she has many friends.

Mrs. Miller has been feeling much better and having practically no pain for the past six weeks and has been doing a little visitation amongst the Jews, but in the last two days she has again been having pains and will have to undergo an operation this week to ascertain what her difficulty is. Please pray for her and that the Lord may take glory unto Himself even out of her illness. She is much stronger now and should a major operation be necessary has everything she needs to go through especially the peace she has and her trust in the Lord.

As yet we have had no reply to our letter of Dec. 29 last and we are looking forward to hearing from you shortly. We have received the two cablegrams sent us on Jan. 13 and Feb. 13, and we thank the Lord and all those who made it possible. May the Lord bless them richly and supply each and every need; material, physical and spiritual. Praying that this finds you all well and rejoicing in Him who bought us with His own precious blood,

Yours by grace,
RUDOLPH MILLER

P.S. I just wish to thank you also for the allowance sent on Feb. 13th. I was given permission again for one month, until Mar. 17. They said the answer to my petition ought to be ready by then; if not, they will give me another month!! So it goes, but I thank the Lord for the privilege of being here and thank all of you at home for your prayer support and gifts of love. May the Lord bless you in all your activities and use you for His honor and glory.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
KARL HENRY FAULKNER

BROTHER NAGY'S WINTER WORK

Hungary, Feb. 5

Dear Brother Smith:

We are having a very severe winter this year, with the temperature at 10 below zero (F). Suffering among the extremely poor, ministry to which embraces part of my work, is intense. I just read in the local paper that the leg of a three year old child was frozen in the unheated hut of the family with nothing but straw for bedding. The gift of five dollars in support of my work here coming from a child of God I shall without delay use as a living testimony of the love of Christ. For I am coming to them with bread, bacon and some fuel for each as far as this small sum shall reach. Let us pray for God's Holy Spirit to enter men's hearts and His Kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven!

Because of the extreme cold and want of heating facilities the children's work had to be postponed for a while. The tie, however, is not broken and no real harm will result, for calling at their homes and gathering the children of each neighborhood, we enjoy a blessed time of gospel talks and singing. Personal work in the local hospital and gospel meetings with personal work and Scripture distribution in the worker's home and making ready for the work in the Spring fill in the balance of my time for the present. Please pray for strength and guidance for me that the Lord's will be done and prosper through me His weak, yet willing servant!

Faithfully yours In Christ
EUGENE NAGY

FROM SWITZERLAND HE VIEWS EUROPE

FRED STETTLER REPORTS ON MEN AND MISSIONS ON THE WESTERN FRONT

Biel-Mett, Feb. 1

Very Dear Friends:

Returning from a two-weeks' evangelistic tour to eastern Switzerland, we should like to thank every one who thought of us during the holidays. The many Christmas and New Year cards were a real cheer to us. I am sure you will hold us up in prayer during the year, and not only us but this storm-swept old European continent, too. It looks much like a pretty sick old world. All the conflicts of Europe of the past have increasingly shown that the Gospel of Christ has never entered the hearts of the people, in spite of the fact that it would be difficult to find a man or woman who has not been "christianized" with one or the other sacrament.

Official Christendom is nothing but a coat of paint that is to hide the raw heathen. Thus the remedy for the ills of Europe is a spiritual problem. Only the Lord Jesus Christ can cure it. But acquaintance with the living Christ is not wanted. There is nothing attractive in the Gospel to a self-righteous soul. So it seems God *"gave them up in the lusts of their hearts."*

And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind... who knowing the ordinance of God, that they that practise such things are worthy of death, not only do the same b u t also c o n s e n t with them that practise them." Rom. 1:28-32. How many judgments must yet go over the Christian nations before they get themselves to see what is the matter with them?

We had in mind to go to Poland, but have not been able to procure a valid passport, and by all the correspondence received out of Poland it seems we might not be able to do much at all. It is very difficult to move across borders and get all the red tape permissions. Europe is engulfed by a spirit of suspicion. It does not need much to be suspected to be a spy. This expression is now at the tip of every tongue.

As we can never know just when the great clashes come, it does not seem wise to return just now. In Poland there is, as one brother wrote, a to-hu-va-bohu. Nearly a quarter of a million of people are resettled and exchanged. The brethren in Poland rather counsel me to wait for the present. The minds are so strongly occupied with the things that happen around them that they say it was quite difficult to hold evangelistic meetings. Moreover many of the believers are so strongly occupied with what happened to them and still may happen to them that it is to be feared that they are seriously endangered in their spiritual life. However, every letter says that every religious effort can freely be undertaken for the men of the field. I am sure you will hold them up in prayer, too.

Many of the Christian workers from among the Russians and Ukrainians have fled before the bolshevists took over territory. They are now in the parts that are occupied by the German army. We have offered the property at Radosc, until the war is over, to lend them help and a roof of refuge.

From among the Poles some 40,000 fled to Roumania and just about as many to Hungry. Several tens of thousands are in Lithuania and Latavia. These are known as poor countries. Even in the best time of peace there was always need there. We have tried to contact some of the brethren through whom modest sums of relief money may be sent. First of all, we had always in mind those of the household of faith and more especially the Christian workers.

Through the liberality and gifts of some of you we could send on last week again more than a hundred dollars to Warsaw for distribution. Various funds of two to three hundred dollars we could use immediately after the war in Poland for such purposes. Regarding the Jews, they were in dire need during the best years in peace time. *Their situation is most pitiful. Poverty, famine, sickness and the bitter cold winter must have taken heavy tolls among them.*

Many are supposed to have committed suicide. The American Red Cross received permission to ship clothing, medical supplies and other help to them. Tens of thousands have been ordered to manual hard work. Those from former Austria and Czechoslavakia are supposed to be re-settled in the province of Lublin (southeast of Warsaw). The area is about as large as half of Switzerland (26,000 square kilometers). How they need our prayer in this great crisis.

In a Christian magazine I read an article cited from a Russian Soviet-paper. The Godless Party of Russia recommends that the battle against religion be given up because it had proven to be a failure. They have now discovered that the Christian religion is not against the poor working man. They have now found out that most Christians are of the poor and such of little means. Is

it not too bad that it has taken twenty years of persecution to come to this conclusion! Are these the signs of dawning for this poor Russian people?

We have prayed for years for them and firmly expected to see the days when that people would yet be freed from these unnatural godless brigands—two millions who ruled over the consciences of 170 millions of the most religious people in all Europe. P r a y for that great people. I should like to see the day when they get a chance to read and hear the pure Gospel again. And God grant that I might be among the messengers of peace among them. With God all things are possible. O n l y believe!

Nearly all the live Christian work in Poland was the direct outgrowth of the last war. The large revivals had their birthday in the direct needs of famine and sickness and the cruel war practices. Some 60,000 believers came out of these revivals in Poland after the last war. God can likewise work wonders in tens of thousands who have now no home, no work and often no shelter.

Many will think of the Gospel they have rejected during the good times. God can speak in this day to tens of thousands. The evangelists have sown their seed during years of patience and often the Word was rejected. In many places the Gospel preaching seemed to be at the dead point and folks overfed. Will they hear God speak in *judgement?* Pray for it. Evangelists, pastors, preachers and teachers can be born out of it all.

We do not want to intervene in God's plans, but I think we ought to stand against the works of the devil in this mad butchering and killing and war. So we feel led to pray that God might grant a period of peace. Peace and order! What a gift of God we have seldom thanked God for. May Christ forgive us.

The Lord sets His seal upon His work here. Recently a man testified to us and thanked us for praying with him. He was delivered through prayer from the strong smoking habit. He was a Christian, but a man still in bondage. He had been weeks at the time ill in body. I met him lying in a chair, being stiff in his body for weeks. The same night after prayer he was convicted and freed from smoking and from that moment free from his physical ills. There was great joy. I must state that I did not speak to him either about his illness nor his smoking habit, of which I knew nothing. We just gave the Gospel message and prayed with this man. Yes, the Lord does still wonders. He IS wonderful Himself.

Another man grasped both my hands and wanted to thank me for preaching the Gospel so clearly that he came to be freed from besetting secret life of sin. Praise to Him who hears our prayer who are often so full of anxiety and care and yet not *we* but *He* does according to His good will and pleasure. We have been making quite a few visits at sickbeds. In nearly every house there is sickness. Great privileges. Our own home has not been spared of sickness. All four of our children have been down with the measles. But it is to be hoped that all has passed over without leaving too many scars.

Just now we have some 4,000 pamphlets in print here in Switzerland; 8,000 Gospel leaflets we ordered in Hungary and we trust that the Lord will supply the needs so we shall soon be able to order tracts in Roumania. Thus we are able to be of service in many lands. It's now the only way to work in the east, while all foreign missionaries are out of the country. I am sure you will keep this in mind and make it a matter of prayer. Valuing your interest, fellowship and thanking you, too, for every love-gifth you have trusted to us.

Yours "IN CHRIST" and some day WITH Christ,

FRED and MARTHA STETTLER

WITH THE JEWS IN FRANCE

Nice, France

Thank you so much for the gracious gift which reached me safely, via Denmark. I realized your thoughtfulness in sending it thus, but for the next remittance I would ask you to please send it direct through the American Express in Nice. The situation is so serious with Scandinavia. The money from those countries is not sold on the market here at this moment.

We are always best off with travelers' checks, as these can be cashed everywhere—and only cashed by the person in whose name they are issued. The hour is serious but precious, and whereever we are, it is for Him. We are never too sure, for it looks dark and the bombs may fall and we may not be able to stay in this city—but there is always a place. All of North Africa is crowded with Jews. And so are most cities in France—which still is kind to Israel

Am well and happy—anxious to make the time and all I am and have count for Him, while we yet have an open door.

Loving greetings to the office—with prayer for all efforts put forth.

Yours sincerely,

TORDIS CHRISTOFFERSEN

WINTER WORK IN VIENNA, AUSTRIA

MISS STEYRER REPORTS ON RELIGIOUS OPPORTUNITIES AND CONDITIONS OF MISSIONS IN HER COUNTRY

Wien, March 2nd, 1940

Dear Mr. Smith:

Within a week I received both your letters, the one from Nov. 6th and the other of Dec. 1st. You see they have been on the way over three month. I am afraid it it useless to try to get a letter through from this side, because Gibraltar is a very narrow passage. Therefore I am sending this one by air mail so as to keep in touch with you.

I want to thank you for two remittances I received, the one for December arrived the 15th of January. At this time I received an extra check for 50 marks. I suppose that was my Christmas gift from the Moody Church? And February 26 I received the allowance for the month of January. I thank you for your continued interest and faithfulness. The generous allowance you send me is of great help to the entire work, which goes on as usual. Most of the meetings are well attended. Quite lately a sad thing happened and I would ask you to pray with us that the dear Lord may overrule this difficulty, as He has done so often in other cases. Another denomination broke in and split our congregation and took quite a few of our best. It is so sad, that things like this will happen among God's children in a time like ours when we all should be in Christ and in His wonderful love. Otherwise we are not disturbed in our work.

If you came to Wien now you would hardly notice that we are in midst of an awful war. Everything is quiet; life goes on as in peaceful times, there is work for everyone, everybody is busy, the food supply is wisely organized. Nobody can store up things he does not need and there is enough for everybody. For a while we had to have our meetings in the afternoon instead of in the evening on account of darkened streets, but now we have them at the regular evening time again.

Please, Mr. Smith, pray with us that our work might be put under the right head. As you know, about a year and a half ago the government insisted that all evangelical mission work in Austria be united under one board, so Pastor Monsky was cut off as General Secretary of the Evangelical Society and the General Secretary of the Home Mission Board became our head. At Christmas he died, a young man of only 33 and we don't know who will take his place. This is a matter of great importance. We hope that we will come under the Board of the Evangelical Church; this would be the best for the time being.

I wonder if you received the letter in which I told you of the blessed time and the very fine meetings we had in Advent and at Christmas. We can still feel the blessing we received then. We shall have an evangelist from Germany with us during the month of May. He is a true man of God and I am looking forward very much to his work amongst us and to his messages. I get so hungry myself. Please pray with us that great blessing and a revival might be the result. How we do need it! Austria is an especially hard field; every missionary who comes from the outside notices it. It is somewhat like Mr. Stettler writes about the people in Switzerland, self-satisfied, self-righteous, not realizing the great need of a Saviour. Our people did have the Word of God centuries ago and then they lost it thru the counter-reformation. It is like a ban on the people, but we labor on and scatter the good seed and trust the One for the harvest who said: "My Word shall not come back void." What a comfort He is in every way! How can people go through life without Him, especially in these terrible times?

I had hoped to go out with the Red Cross like during the last war, to be abe to minister to the wounded and the dying, but I was not accepted. I am not going to Graz at the present time because of the hard winter. The trains are not running so often over the mountains and I could not make connections. I intend to offer myself to the Board of the Evangelical Church to get an opportunity to go out to different places where there is no church and no Christian worker and where the people never hear the Word of God. Please pray that the Lord might open the door.

Please play also for our new converts, especially for a young woman and for a young girl who came to Vienna for a few weeks and gave her heart to the Lord. May the Lord protect here where she is now.

I noticed in *The Harvest Field* that some of the missionaries of the Fellowship had to leave the countries where they had been working like in Albania. What a pity. A good thing I am a native of Austria or I would have to give up, too. I am praying earnestly that the workers in Poland might be able to go on with the work. Sad news comes from the part that fell to Russia, churches closed, ministers deported!

We should be delighted to have you over here in the near future but I am afraid you won't be able to come this

year. Please remember me to all the dear friends who help to support me. May God bless them a hundred fold for providing so faithfully for our work and myself. Otherwise we would not know how to go on for we need it for the hall, for literature and for all kinds of other expenses. At Christmas I could have eight homeless young girls with me who would not have known where to spend Christmas. We had dinner at our hall under the big Christmas tree with its many candles. We sang our many beautiful old Christmas songs. I brought a message; then we prayed, not forgetting you, our dear friends in America. The Lord was with us and we had such a wonderful time with Him that it was one o'clock at night before we knew it. Two of the girls who had never been with us before at Christmas said it was the best they had ever spent in all their lives. They enjoyed the fellowship with kindred hearts and the whole atmosphere of the place.

I believe the time draws very near where the Bible will be taken from us—I don't mean in our country alone but in the whole world—for the time of the Lord's return surely draws nigh. Therefore we are trying to memorize as many Scripture verses as we can in our women's and girls' meetings, to hide them away in our hearts where nobody can take the "Jewels" from us.

E. H. STEYRER.

DR. EWKE WRITES AGAIN

Tel-Aviv, March 2

Dear Brother Smith:

Thank you for your last letter and for the remittance (by cable). The work is going on intensely as usual. We have now at our disposal the whole floor below our clinic. We are anxiously waiting for Prof. Marcinkowski, who has to come in April. We believe that he and Mrs. Marcinkowski will conduct Saturday and Sunday School classes and maybe English classes, as well, for Mrs. M. is a school teacher. The rooms in the lower floor are ready for this purpose—we shall need only some more furniture; benches, tables, cupboards, etc. We even suppose that Prof. Marcinkovski will live in the close vicinity of the clinic, so we will have his daily support in the spiritual work in the clinic.

The work in the Hall Peniel is also enlarged. We have now a new additional large reading room. On the tables is a lot of different Christian literature: tracts, leaflets, magazines, etc. If you, dear readers, have any old *Christian* magazines, please send them to us; we will be very grateful to you. Many young people, mostly attending the evening English classes, visit also the reading room, where they spend their free time, generally from 8 o'clock P.M. Bro. Benjamin Dossik assists the "reading hours," coming in touch with the readers in cordial conversation and always ready to testitfy of his Saviour. And really he has had already many blessed conversations with them.

Two Jewish doctors attend our clinic now, one from Germany, the other from Czechoslovakia. One speaks, besides German, English; the other doesn't know English but Czech. Miss Haley has been so happy to hand over to one of them a Bible. The other speaks to me in Czech, and I understand him very well, not only what he tells me, but his condition, as well. He neds the Saviour.

There are now many refugees from Czechoslovakia, and I believe the Lord will give a great opportunity to tell them about the loving God who sometimes through different troubles brings souls nearer to Him.

Yours in His name,

JAMES EWKE.

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